

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the application.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-13 link inventions and that restriction to one invention is required. The Examiner has identified eight groups:

Linking A – drawn to supply energy by exerting mechanical pressure for claim 2.

Linking B – drawn to supply energy by supplying heat for claim 3.

Linking C – drawn to a capacitor for the passive component for claim 4.

Linking D – drawn to a resistor for the passive component for claim 5.

Linking E – drawn to introduce a raw electrically functional material into the recess by the wiping of a paste for claim 6.

Linking F – drawn to introduce a raw electrically functional material into the recess by the pressing of a paste for claim 7.

Linking G – drawn to first and second layers made of ceramics for claim 11.

Linking H – drawn to first and second layers made of metallization for claims 12 and 13.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single group for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1 and 8-10 are generic.

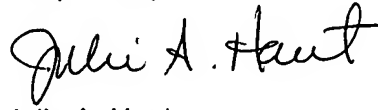
Applicants elect group Linking D, Claim 5, for prosecution, with traverse. Applicants respectfully contend that there will not be a serious burden placed on the Examiner if the restriction is not required. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this restriction requirement and substantively examine Claims 1-13.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. If the restriction is upheld, Applicants elect to prosecute, with traverse, the claims of group Linking D, Claim 5, and request examination of Claims 1, 5, and 8-10 on the merits.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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